

# Community Profiles and Summaries

The second half of this report provides information specific to each community. This information includes community locator maps, profiles and summaries.

Community profiles discuss indicators that highlight notable strengths, weaknesses and characteristics of each community. Community summaries list all indicators to allow community-county comparisons.

## COMMUNITY PROFILES: STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES

Certain types of community indicators are considered to be either positive or negative. Each community has been ranked for these indicators, from 1 (highest – denoting a community strength) to 25 (lowest – denoting a community challenge).

### STRENGTH/CHALLENGE INDICATORS

- Assessment trends from 1997 to 2002
- Emergency medical calls for service
- Fire calls for service
- Group A crime incidents
- Housing maintenance and reinvestment
- Housing turnover
- Persons on probation
- Police calls for service
- Religious, neighborhood and community organizations
- Rental occupancy
- Residential code enforcement complaints

### MEASUREMENT

Percentage change  
Per capita  
Per capita  
Per capita  
Permit value  
Percentage  
Per capita  
Per capita  
Per capita  
Percentage  
Per capita

### COMMUNITY/INDICATOR RANKING

Top 8 (1 through 8)  
Middle 9 (9 through 17)  
Bottom 8 (18 through 25)

### PERCENTILE

68% to 100%  
33% to 67%  
0% to 32%

### CLASSIFICATION

Strength  
Not discussed  
Challenge

## COMMUNITY PROFILES: CHARACTERISTICS

People will perceive some community indicators differently, as either positive or negative, depending on personal preferences. Therefore, rankings of community characteristics indicate relative placement of numbers, instead of placing a label on the indicator as being either positive or negative. For example, some people find communities with larger housing more appealing, while others prefer smaller, more affordable houses. These indicators are called “community characteristics.”

Community characteristics provide a window of understanding into the distinctive issues and factors that make each community unique.

#### COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

- Business licenses issued
- Home-based businesses
- Housing age
- Housing size
- Multifamily housing
- Overall residential growth
- Population growth
- Public school enrollment
- Resale single-family housing prices
- Residential density
- Single-family housing growth

#### MEASUREMENT

Per capita  
Per capita  
Average year of construction  
Average square feet  
Percentage of total units  
Percentage change  
Persons  
Percentage of population  
Median sales price  
Units per acre  
Percentage change

#### CHARACTERISTIC RANKING

Top 8(1 through 8)  
Middle 9 (9 through 17)  
Bottom 8: (18 through 25)

#### PERCENTILE

68% to 100%  
33% to 67%  
0% to 32%

#### CLASSIFICATION

Relatively high  
Not discussed  
Relatively low

### **WHY SOME COMMUNITY PROFILES DON'T HAVE STRENGTHS OR CHALLENGES**

Community profiles are limited. Some community profiles have few strengths and challenges listed. This does not mean that the community has no strengths or challenges. This simply means the community has few or no strengths, challenges or characteristics (examined by this report) ranked within the top or bottom 20 percent of all Chesterfield communities. Three communities had no strengths in the top third of all communities: Belmont, Chester and Genito. One community, Bon Air, had no challenges in the bottom third of all communities.

### **COMMUNITY SUMMARIES**

A summary table of indicators is provided for each community. This summary lists each indicator covered in this report – years measured, type of measurement and community-specific information – and how each indicator compares to the county as a whole. This table is useful for point-by-point comparison of indicators, and allows direct comparison to data provided in previous years' reports.